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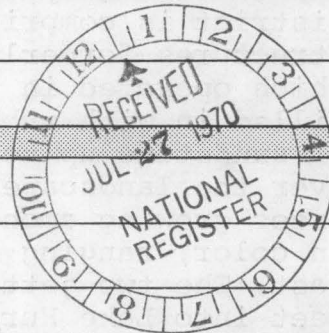
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Form 10-300  
(July 1969)UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Michigan	
COUNTY: Huron	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.9.26.0039	DATE 9/3/91

1. NAME			
COMMON: Grindstone City Historic District			
AND/OR HISTORIC: Grindstone City Historic District			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: on U.S. 25			
CITY OR TOWN: Port Austin Township			
STATE Michigan	CODE 26	COUNTY: Huron	CODE 063



3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME: Multiple ownership	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE: Michigan
	CODE



5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Huron County Registry of Deeds	
STREET AND NUMBER: Courthouse	
CITY OR TOWN: Bad Axe	STATE: Michigan
	CODE 26

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE OF SURVEY: Michigan Historical Commission Registered State Site No. 95.	
DATE OF SURVEY: 9-25-56	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Michigan Historical Commission, Historic Site Survey	
STREET AND NUMBER: 505 North Washington Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Lansing	STATE: Michigan
	CODE 26

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STATE:

Michigan

COUNTY:

Huron

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)  
☐ Excellent    ☐ Good    ☒ Fair    ☐ Deteriorated    ☐ Ruins    ☐ Unexposed

(Check One)  
☒ Altered    ☐ Unaltered

(Check One)  
☐ Moved    ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Grindstone City is now a nearly abandoned village populated mainly by summer vacationers. The historic district is comprised of the abandoned quarries and adjacent structures formerly owned by the sharpening stone firms which operated in the area. Most of the pits have now been filled in with rubble from the quarrying operations. Slabs of sandstone up to eight feet square are piled at random over the landscape with a profuse stand of paper birch trees growing among them. The stone itself is variegated in color, ranging from blue to bluish-grey with a greenish cast. The two jetties that extend about three thousand feet into Lake Huron are built of cribs filled with stone slabs and rejected grindstones and covered with earth. More large rock slabs and grindstones are used for erosion protection along the sides of the jetties. Additional grindstones up to about five feet in diameter are found scattered along the shoreline and in the lake.

Two buildings constructed of native stone remain in the district. One two-story stone building, 28 feet by 50 feet, displays prominently on its facade a tablet reading "Built by Capt. A.G. Peer, 1884." The other, a three-story former grain mill, has "Wallace Mills, 1887," along its front roofline. A grindstone located at the former main corners of the settlement was used as a monument to the individuals who pioneered in the area.

The Grindstone City historic district consists of all that land in Section 25, Town 19 North, Range 13 East, lying north of Copeland Road, West of Rouse Road, and East of Pearson Road. Also included are the jetties owned by the Michigan Waterways Commission, the stone building on the southeast corner of Copeland and Rouse Roads, and the stone building at the east corner of Pearson and Pointe aux Barques Roads.

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# 8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century ☒  
15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☐ 19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Architecture</u>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	
Commerce <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The origins of the grindstone industry in Michigan may be traced to the 1830s when Capt. Aaron G. Peer located at the tip of Michigan's Thumb at the place that came to be known as Grindstone City. Peer, born in Dundas, Ontario, in 1812, moved to Algonac, Michigan, in 1821. In 1833 he and his brother built a schooner and went into the lake transportation business. Peer remained at this occupation until 1861. During this time he also began a grindstone quarry and mill which by 1850 was turning out stones valued at \$3,000 a year. A second quarry was opened, and Peer's concern was leased to other parties. Eventually the private concerns were taken over by two large companies, the Lake Huron Stone Company and the Cleveland Stone Company. The introduction of new sharpening materials such as carborundum and emery caused a decline in the need for natural sharpening stones. The depression of the 1930s brought an end to the operations at Grindstone City.

The economy of Grindstone City was based on the operations of the stone companies. By 1888, when the town had a population of about 1500, the companies employed about two hundred men. Each operated its own store and rented houses to workmen. Quarries were located only a few hundred yards from the lake shore and were encircled by roads on which were located the houses and businesses of the town. Stone quarried here was cut to size in the mills and shipped out by water and rail; defective grindstones were cut down even more and turned into whetstones. The quarry companies had a salt well, a flour mill and grain elevator, and also engaged in lumbering.

Michigan grindstones were of fine quality and were sold all over the world. The stones were made in varying sizes ranging up to about three tons; price was by the pound. According to a geological report: "It is the combination of evenness of grain, sharpness of grit, and cementing material just soft enough which gives this stone its peculiar value." Michigan was long a major producer of grindstones and as late as 1918 was second in the nation.

(cont'd)

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Annual Report of the Commissioner of Mineral Statistics.  
 Lansing: W.S. George and Co., 1883.  
 Cook, Mabel. History of Grindstone City School, Grindstone  
 City, Eagle Bay, and New River, 1962. (Typewritten,  
 Michigan State Library.)  
 First Biennial Report of the Progress of the Geological Survey  
 of Michigan. Lansing: Hosmer and Kerr, 1861.  
 Huron County Tract Index, Sec. 25, T19N, R13E.

(Cont'd)

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA 250 Acres

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	44° 03' 36 "	83 ° 04 ' 26 "		0	0	"
NE	44° 03' 36 "	83 ° 03 ' 25 "				
SE	44° 02' 52 "	83 ° 03 ' 25 "				
SW	44° 02' 52 "	83 ° 04 ' 26 "				

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
 William Lowery, Curator of Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION  
 Michigan Historical Commission

DATE  
 May 28, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 505 North Washington Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:  
 Lansing

STATE  
 Michigan

CODE  
 26

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the Na-  
 tional Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law  
 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion  
 in the National Register and certify that it has been  
 evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set  
 forth by the National Park Service. The recommended  
 level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☒ Local ☐

Name Raebe A Mac Mullan  
 Director,  
 Title Department of Natural Resources

Date 7/22/70

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the  
 National Register.

Ernest A Cannally  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date SEP 3 1971

ATTEST:

William J. Sturges  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date JUN 11 1971

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

① 17/348630/4880000  
 6-23-76  
 ② 17/348580/4878880

③ 17/347280/4878980

④ 17/347280/4879960



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INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

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8. Statement of Significance (cont'd)

The stone was also used for construction purposes and to pave roads, but its tendency to check made it not very well adapted for these uses.

For nearly one hundred years Grindstone City was a major center of the grindstone industry. The physical evidence of this past is still very apparent on the landscape.

9. Major Bibliographical References (cont'd)

Lane, Alfred C. Geological Report on Huron County, Michigan.  
Lansing: Robert Smith Co., 1900. pp. 206-07.

Portrait and Biographical Album of Huron County, Michigan.  
Chicago: Chapman Bros., 1884. pp. 187-88, 269-70, 314, 451-52.

Sixth Annual Report of the Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics. Lansing: Thorp and Godfrey, 1888.



NOTE: United States Geologic Survey maps are not available for this area of Michigan. Other maps of a scale suitable to portray the boundaries of the District do not have latitude and longitude coordinates. Consequently the coordinates are given for the center of the district and are approximate.

Verbal Boundary Description  
Grindstone City Historic District

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UTM References

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C 17/347280/4878980

D 17/347280/4879960

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RETURNED

DATE 8/17/70

NAME OF PROPERTY

Gridstone City Hist. District

SIGNATURE

S. Marusin

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form (s) is (are) being returned to your office because the information checked below is lacking or has been incorrectly supplied.

Insufficient locational information.

Comments:

Geographical location codes missing or incorrect.

Classification (Item #3) incomplete.

Comments:

Owner of property/location of legal description necessary.

Comments:

No Bibliography.

Acreage of nomination is not given.

Comments:

X Longitude and latitude coordinates lacking, incorrect, or in wrong place.

Form is not signed by State Liaison Officer (Item #14),

Photograph/map form(s) (10-301) required for each photograph/map).

Insufficient map coverage of property.

Comments:

Description (Item #7).

Comments:

Statement of Significance (Item #8).

Comments:

Xerox forms unacceptable.

Comments:

✓ Other

Comments: For any area over 10 acres, all four corner coordinates are necessary. Also, the area (exterior) should be indicated by a rectangle around it with the coordinates marked. *Thank you!*

The inadequacies noted above must be rectified prior to the initiation of our professional review process. Correction of these technical errors does not necessarily indicate that the nomination will then meet all other National Register criteria.





PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RETURNED. DATE 3/15/71

NAME OF PROPERTY GRINDSTONE CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT SIGNATURE

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form (1) is (1/1) being returned to your office because the information checked below is lacking or has been incorrectly supplied.

Insufficient locational information.

Comments:

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Classification (Item #3) incomplete.

Comments:

Owner of property/location of legal description necessary.

Comments:

No Bibliography.

Acreage of nomination not given.

Comments:

Longitude and latitude coordinates lacking, incorrect, or in wrong place.

Form is not signed by the State Liaison Officer (Item #12).

Photograph/map form(s) (16-301) required for each photograph/map.



XX Insufficient map coverage of property.

Comments: After reviewing the map, we suggest that in order to preserve the integrity of the District you revise the boundaries to include the area to the rear of the properties on the opposite side of Copeland Road. This would include Description (Item #7), the Cooper House and others along that street and prevent any infringement upon the area. Why is the mill included in the District, but not the elevator adjacent to it? If you agree with the revised boundaries, please send a recent street map showing what structures are within the District. This may be a hand-drawn map if no others are available.

Statement of Significance (Item #8).

Comments:

Xerox forms unacceptable.

Comments:

XX Other

Comments: If the boundaries are expanded, please send a few additional photographs of the additional buildings now included in the District.  
Thank you!

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*Handwritten signature*

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Grindstone City H.P.  
Huron Co. (C063)  
MICHIGAN

- ☐ resubmission  
☐ nomination by person or local government  
☐ owner objection  
☐ appeal

Working No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fed. Reg. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Due: \_\_\_\_\_

Action: ☒ ACCEPT 03 Sep 71

☐ RETURN

☐ REJECT

Federal Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Substantive Review: ☐ sample ☐ request ☐ appeal ☐ NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: \_\_\_\_\_ technical corrections cited below  
\_\_\_\_\_ substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
	Public Acquisition	Accessible	

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? ☐ yes ☐ no

7. Description

Condition

- ☐ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

- ☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

Check one

- ☐ unaltered  
☐ altered

Check one

- ☐ original site  
☐ moved date \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

- ☐ summary paragraph  
☐ completeness  
☐ clarity  
☐ alterations/integrity  
☐ dates  
☐ boundary selection

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## 8. Significance

Period \_\_\_\_\_ Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates \_\_\_\_\_

Builder/Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- ☐ summary paragraph
- ☐ completeness
- ☐ clarity
- ☐ applicable criteria
- ☐ justification of areas checked
- ☐ relating significance to the resource
- ☐ context
- ☐ relationship of integrity to significance
- ☐ justification of exception
- ☐ other

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References \_\_\_\_\_

Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

\_\_\_\_\_ national \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_

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## 13. Other

- ☐ Maps
- ☐ Photographs
- ☐ Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet*



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Huron

Property

Grindstone City Historic District

BOUNDARY REVISION

INCREASE ☒DECREASE ☐MOVE ☐

State

Michigan

Working Number

71.9.26.0039

TECHNICAL

Photos       Maps   1  

CONTROL

6.16.76

HISTORIAN

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

ARCHEOLOGIST

OTHER

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

OK Colz

6.3.76

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

Hunt  
6.15.76

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS BOUNDARY REVISION IS ACCEPTED

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

6/16/76

ATTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

6.15.76

THIS FORM IS TO BE FILED WITH THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION.





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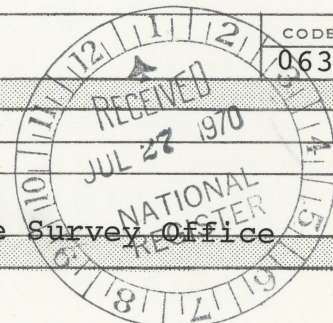
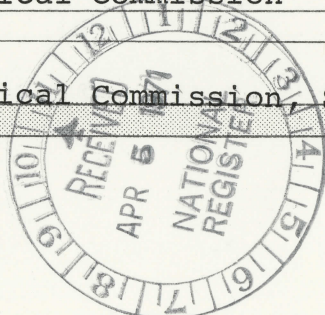
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DATE OF PHOTO: April, 1970			
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4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. Wallace Mills.			







BUILT BY  
CAPT AC PEER  
1884



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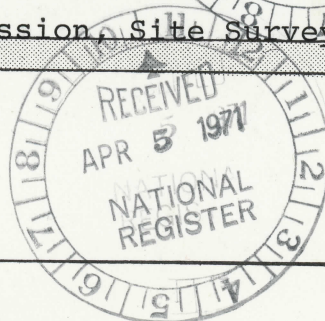
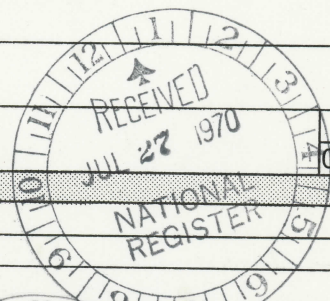
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Peer Store		









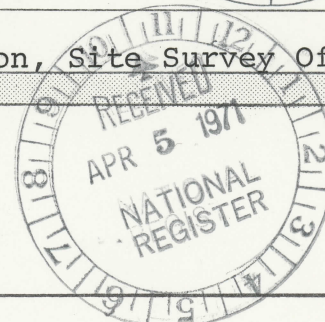
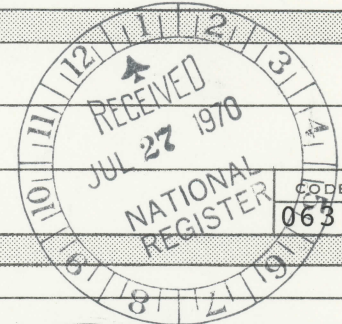
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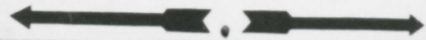


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DOCK • US-25



IN MEMORIAM  
OF THE  
GRINDSTONE CITY  
PIONEERS  
1835 1938



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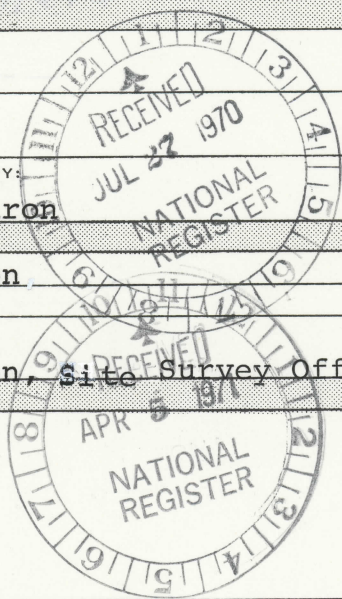
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4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.  Grindstone Monument			





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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
PROPERTY MAP FORM**

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DATE ENTERED JUN 16 1976

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- ENCLOSE WITH MAP

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Grindstone City Historic District

AND/OR COMMON Grindstone City Historic District

**2 LOCATION**

CITY, TOWN Grindstone City VICINITY OF COUNTY Huron STATE Michigan

**3 MAP REFERENCE**

SOURCE U.S.G.S.

SCALE 1:24000 DATE 1970

**4 REQUIREMENTS**

TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS

1. PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
2. NORTH ARROW
3. UTM REFERENCES

Grindstone City H. D.  
Grindstone City, MI (Huron Co.)



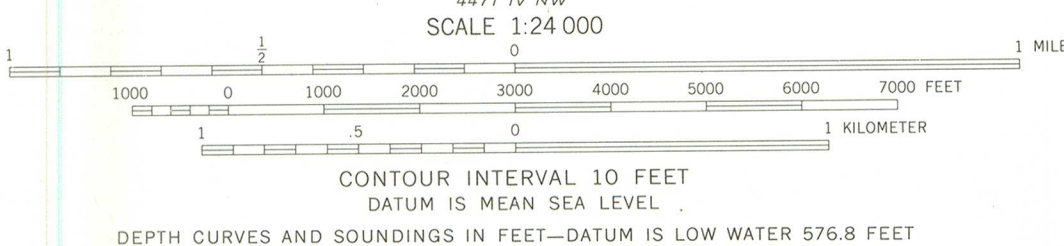


GRINDSTONE CITY  
HISTORIC DISTRICT  
GRINDSTONE CITY, MI  
(HURON COUNTY)

UTM References  
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Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial  
photographs taken 1968. Field checked 1970  
Selected hydrographic data compiled from U.S. Lake Survey Chart 52  
(1970). This information is not intended for navigational purposes  
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum  
10,000-foot grid based on Michigan coordinate system, south zone  
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,  
zone 17, shown in blue  
Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where  
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Primary highway, hard surface ———— Light-duty road, hard or improved surface ————  
Secondary highway, hard surface ———— Unimproved road ————  
○ Interstate Route ○ U. S. Route ○ State Route

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CONSERVATION LEGEND

STATE LANDS DEDICATED FOR STATE FOREST, PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC CONSERVATION USES

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LANDS IN NATIONAL FORESTS

BOUNDARIES, STATE AND NATIONAL PROJECTS

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NARROW STREAM  
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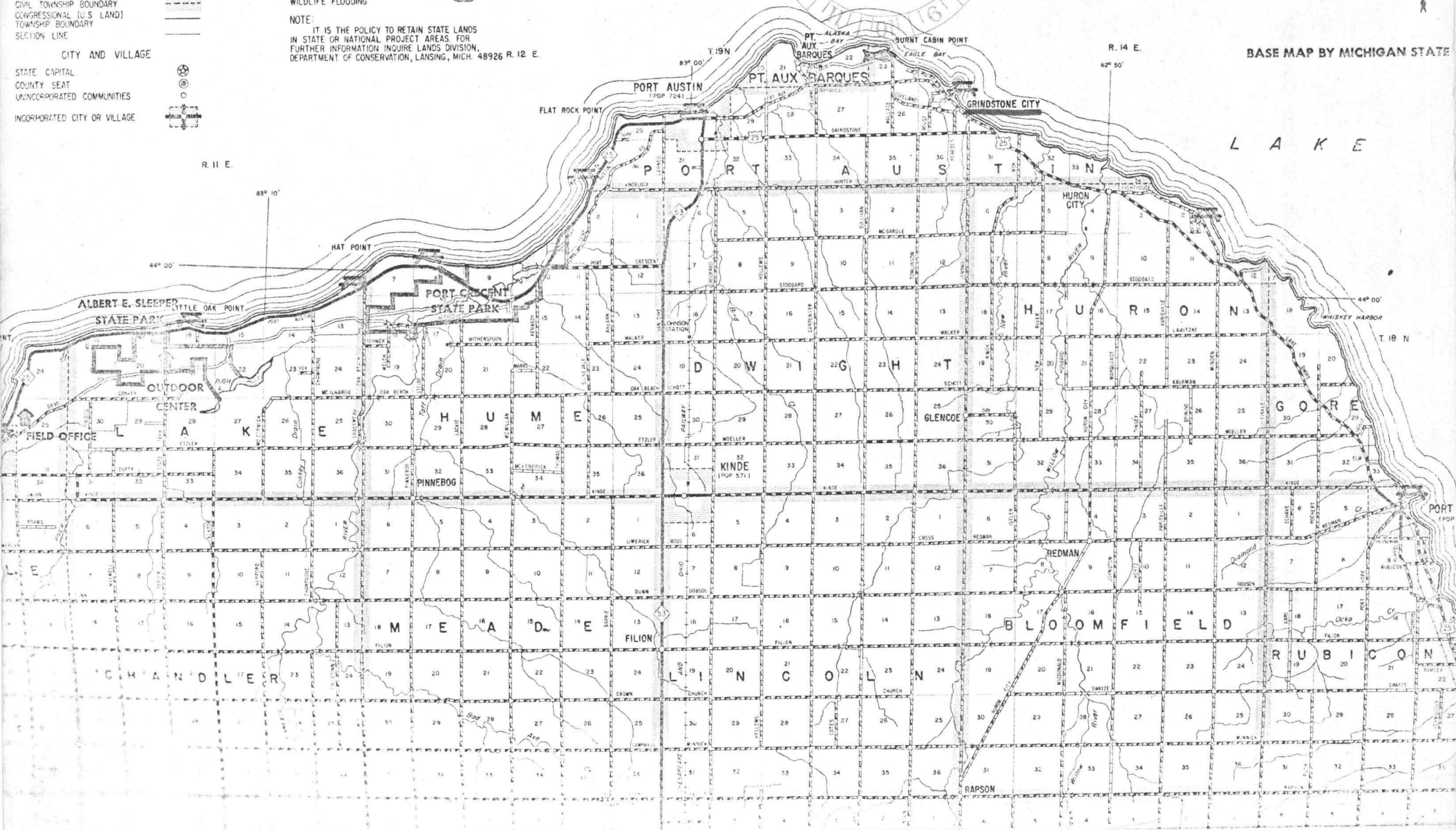
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BASE MAP BY MICHIGAN STATE

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SOURCE: Michigan Dept. of Conservation, Huron County  
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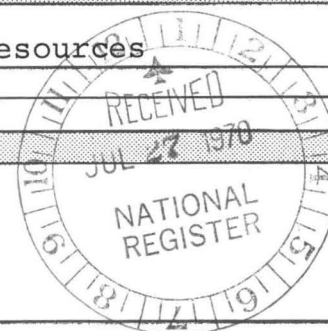
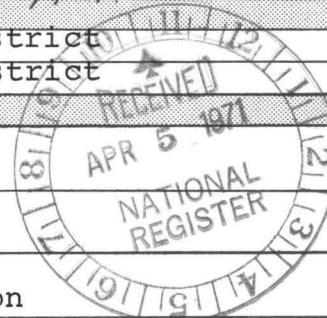
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CITY OR TOWN: Port Austin Township			
STATE: Michigan	CODE 26	COUNTY: Huron	CODE 063
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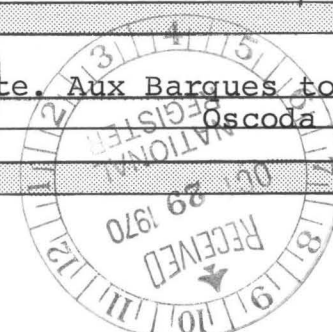
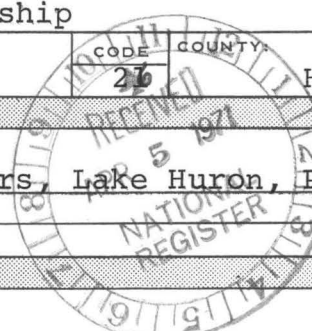
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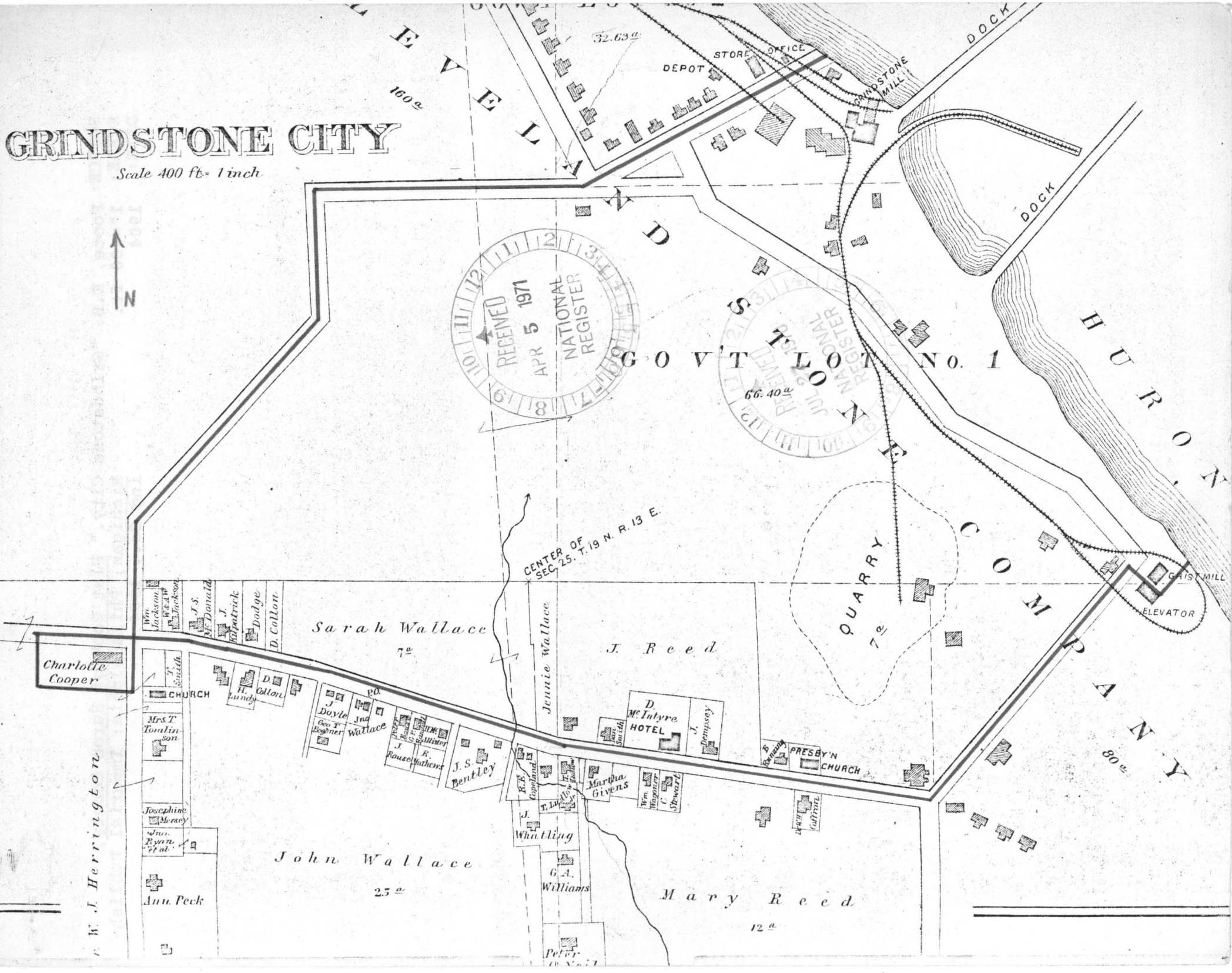
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# GRINDSTONE CITY

Scale 400 ft = 1 inch





SOURCE: Foote, E.B. "Grindstone City."  
SCALE: 1"=400 ft.  
DATE: 1904

Plat Book of Huron County,  
Michigan, Philadelphia: Imperial Publish-  
ing Co., 1904.

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October 23, 1970

Dr. William J. Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
National Park Service  
801 19th Street NW, Room 618  
Washington, D. C. 20006

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

Enclosed are eight site nominations to the National Register:

- ✓ Sanilac Petroglyphs
- ✓ State Capitol
- ✓ New Fort Brady
- ✓ Old Fort Brady
- ✓ Grindstone City
- ✓ Walker Tavern
- ✓ Mormon Print Shop
- ✓ Mission Church



All of these sites had been nominated earlier but were returned for minor additions and explanations. Your staff sheet listing the work to be done is at the beginning of each nomination folder. We hope you now have sufficient information on these sites to make a National Register appraisal.

Sincerely yours,

Donald Chaput  
Chief Historian

DC/ce

cc: Norman Smith, Office of Resource Planning, Department of Natural Resources

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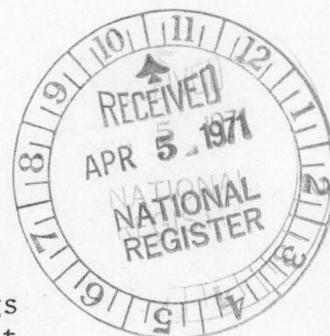
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March 29, 1971

Mr. William Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Murtagh:

Enclosed is the nomination form for the Grindstone City Historic District which was recently returned to us. As you probably failed to note, the property map was dated 1904 since more recent maps of sufficient detail are not available. Since 1904 the great majority of the buildings along Copeland Road have been destroyed and it is not felt that the extant buildings qualify for inclusion in the district due to condition and/or age. Similarly, the elevator next to the mill has also been demolished. We hope that this nomination may now qualify for registration.



Sincerely yours,

*William Lowery*

William Lowery  
Research Historian

WL:j

cc: James Bryant, Natural Resources



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON OFFICE

To: Herrick

To: Staff, then file with property **FOLLOW-UP SLIP**

Date June 3, 1971

The history of sendbacks and resubmissions may be somewhat confusing. I asked Jim Bryant for a clarification of what precisely comprises the nomination:

The 1904 map is misleading in that it shows structures no longer in existence. The area across the street from the district is now, in Bryant's words, "nondescript modern structures." Similarly the buildings shown on the 1904 map as lying within the boundaries are all gone, save the two specified in the form and shown in the photos. Remnants of grindstones apparently lie all over the area. Bryant felt the nomination should really be thought of more as a site with remnants rather than a district.

He stressed the importance and uniqueness of the site and the industry it represents in Michigan.

Suggest that as you review form, more or less ignore 1904 map, and conceive of the nomination as 250 acres of open land with two original buildings and grindstone remnants within the area. I found when I did this it came into clearer focus.

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MICHIGAN

Date Entered SEP 3 1971

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Orwood Castle	Shiawassee County Owosso, Michigan
Eustace Hall	Ingham County East Lansing, Michigan
Grindstone City Historic District	Eaton County Port Austin Township, Michigan
Washington Octagon House	Macomb County Washington, Michigan
McClelland (Gov. Robert) House	Monroe County Monroe, Michigan
First Congregational Church	Eaton County Vernontville, Michigan

Hon. Robert P. Griffin	Also Notified
Hon. Philip A. Hart	State Liaison Officer
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Hon. Garry Brown	Lansing, Michigan 48926

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208 N. Capitol Avenue

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3405 N. Logan Street

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505 N. Washington Avenue

March 20, 1975

Dr. William Murtagh  
Keeper of the National Register  
Room 3209  
1100 L Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C. 20005

Attention: Jan Thorman

Dear Dr. Murtagh

Recently we have noted an error in the boundary description for Grindstone City which is a district listed in the National Register. We are reworking the boundary description and will get it to you once it is completed. I understand that your office has already been contacted by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers about the boundary description, due to the fact that the Corps is involved in a project in that area. We are watching this project closely and cooperating with the Corps and the Advisory Council.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Dr. James Fitting or Dr. Lawrence Finfer of this office.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike Washo".

Mike Washo  
Deputy Director  
Michigan History Division

MW:cj

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May 26, 1976

Ms. Katherine H. Cole  
National Register of Historic Places  
Review Unit  
1100 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Ms. Cole:

In a recent telephone conversation Dr. Lawrence Finfer of the History Division staff informed you of a typographical error in the boundary description of the Grindstone City Historic District, which was accepted for registration in 1971. You advised him to submit a corrected boundary description and a map with UTM references. These materials are enclosed.

I hope that this error can be corrected soon. If you have any questions, please direct them to Dr. Finfer.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha M. Bigelow".

Martha M. Bigelow  
Director, Michigan History Division  
and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

MMB/LF/cw

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE MICHIGAN

Date Entered JUN 16 1976

Name

Location

Grindstone City Historic District

Port Austin Township  
Huron County

Boundary change approved 6/16/76

Also Notified

State Historic Preservation Officer  
Dr. Martha Bigelow  
Director  
Michigan History Division  
Department of State  
Lansing, Michigan 48918

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Huron Co. Michigan

HCRS-NR

Advisory Council on  
Historic Preservation  
1522 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

September 18, 1978

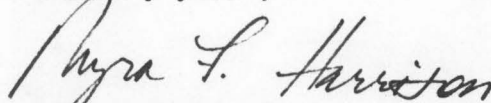
Mr. P. McCallister  
Chief, Engineering Division  
Department of the Army  
Corps of Engineers  
Box 1027  
Detroit, Michigan 48231

Dear Mr. McCallister:

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation would appreciate a status report on the proposed Harbor Refuge Site, Port Austin Township, Michigan, an undertaking assisted by the Corps of Engineers that may have an effect on the Grindstone City Historic District, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. Our last correspondence to you on this matter was dated January 27, 1975 (copy enclosed).

We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Myra F. Harrison  
Assistant Director  
Office of Review and  
Compliance

Enclosure